



**Luke A. Bronin
Mayor**

June 24, 2019

Aldean Beaumont
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
450 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Planned Enforcement Targeting Families

Dear Ms. Beaumont,

As you know, President Trump and the leadership of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have discussed conducting “nationwide raids to deport undocumented families.”¹ On behalf of the City of Hartford, I am writing to reiterate that this kind of enforcement will not improve public safety in Hartford, and even the consideration and threat of this kind of enforcement is damaging to public trust and creates unnecessary fear within our immigrant communities.

In fact, in the past, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has explicitly said that its enforcement actions in Hartford “are targeted to prioritize people who pose a risk to the community,” according to the Wall Street Journal.² That is one reason this potential enforcement action makes no sense. To prioritize deporting undocumented families who contribute to our community is not only a waste of resources – it is inconsistent with ICE’s stated mission.

I recognize that you follow the direction of superiors within DHS. And even if you do not share my view that immigrants are our strength as a city and a nation, I am asking that, at the very least, you do not operate in a manner that interferes with the City of Hartford’s relationship with our residents. It would be unacceptable for any ICE officials to misrepresent their identity again by posing as Hartford police officers, or to use any City of Hartford facilities without prior authorization.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin".

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

Cc: U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Christopher S. Murphy
U.S. Representative John Larson
Members of the Hartford delegation to the Connecticut General Assembly
Members of the Hartford Court of Common Council
Mr. Todd Lyons, U.S. ICE Acting Field Office Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Boston

¹ New York Times, “Trump Says He’ll Delay Deportation Operation Aimed at Undocumented Families,” [June 22, 2019](#).

² Wall Street Journal, “Hartford, ICE in Dispute Over Agents Posing as Local Police,” [March 27, 2017](#).

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